METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

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ABSTRACT

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In one aspect, a method for comparing suppliers includes sending survey questions for

receipt by supplier computer systems. Programming instructions are also sent for receipt and

execution by the supplier computer systems, The programming instructions are for causing the

supplier computer systems to return supplier survey answers to a server. The answers are

10 included in responding documents and are defined in a certain format as data elements included

in the responding documents. The data elements are then parsed from the responding documents

responsive to predetermined programming instructions and evaluated the data elements

responsive to a predetermined set of rules.